

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, June 12th, 1882.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, His Worship Mayor Meredith presiding, Ald. Pritchard, Hunt, Birrell, Murray, O'Meara, Taylor, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Minhinnick, Crawford, Boyd, Sharman, Buckle and Macbeth being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mrs. M. A. McNamara, asking for remission of taxes. No. 1.

From M. Cahill, applying for the use of the City Hall on the evening of the 20th of June. Granted for some other date on account of the elections.

From Mr. Charles Brickley, contractor for meat for City Hospital, asking for recompense on account of the rise in the price of meat, which at the time he tendered he did not foresee. No. 2.

From A. Grant, asking for a remission of taxes. No. 1.

From the County Clerk, recommending the appointment of Mr. Frank Robinson as overseer at the Wellington St. bridge. No. 2.

From Mr. Webb, of the Ridgetown Knitting Company, in reference to the encouragement necessary to bring the factory to the city. No. 1.

From the Women's Christian Association, asking for the use of the City Hall on the evenings of the 27th and 28th June. Granted.

From Wm. D. Lyons, claiming damages to horse and rig. No. 2.

From Mr. Isaac, Clerk of London East, asking for the appointment of a committee to consult with the Town Council in reference to the repairs, etc., necessary on Adelaide street. No. 2.

Circular from the Provincial Board of Health referred to the Local Board.

By-law to borrow \$50,000 from the Bank of Commerce, was read and passed.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

Ald. Birrell, in the absence of Ald. Hyman (Chairman), reported as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to \$14.50 be paid;

(2) That the taxes of Mrs. Bagler be remitted; (3) That progress be reported on the Knitting Factory question; (4) That the City Solicitor has been instructed to notify the sureties of the late Treasurer of the result of the audit; (5) that the petition of F. H. Fatt, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, be not granted; (6) that a re-audit of the late Treasurer's books be made, and that Mr. Jewell be appointed.

The report was taken up clause by clause. The first, second, third and fourth clauses passed without discussion.

Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the fifth clause.

Sheriff Glass was heard in support of the exemption asked.

Ald. Macbeth did not think that the Council had power to remit the taxes only in the case of indigent persons.

Ald. Birrell explained that the conclusion arrived at by No. 1 Committee was owing to the fact that the hall was put up in competition with other places of amusement which were paying heavy taxes.

Ald. Buckle moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the petition of Mr. F. H. Fatt for exemption of taxes on the Y. M. C. Association Hall, be granted, as said Hall is used principally for non-denominational purposes, and that the clause of the report be substituted for the 5th clause.

Ald. Macbeth moved in amendment to the amendment that the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained in reference to the matter, seconded by Ald. Sharman. Lost.

Ald. Beattie moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be referred back to the committee for further information. Carried.

Sixth clause read.

The name of Mr. Jewell was inserted, and the clause was passed, as amended.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Boyd, chairman, reported from No. 2 Committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to \$424.88 be paid; (2) that the petition of Thomas Hiscox and others for the construction of a block pavement on Dundas